

# Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



**Roving Ranger Programs** are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!  
Come exploring with us today!



## See Current Flyer Below

# Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

**August 18 - 22, 2016**

*NPS/USFS Roving Rangers*

## **Thursday, August 18th**

### **• Guided Historic Walk in South-side Flagstaff, Thursday, August 18**

8:30-10:30am. **The Heart of Flagstaff.** Join in a walk with Jane Jackson, Jack Welch, and Steve Hirst on the south-side of the tracks, the heart of Flagstaff in the early days. Hear stories of some of the first settlers and buildings in this 3-mile walk. Meet at the Mountain Line Bus Terminal on Phoenix Ave.

### **• Guided Nature Walk in Beautiful Bonito Meadow, Thursday, August 18**

10-11:30am. **Bonito Meadow Walk.** Come discover Bonito Meadow on an easy 2 mile, off-trail ramble. This hike is approximately 1.5 hours and takes place off-trail through uneven and brushy terrain. It's recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Head North on Hwy 89 and turn right onto the Sunset Crater Road. Drive 0.8 miles and meet at the gravel parking lot on the right side of road.

## **Friday, August 19th**

### **• Guided Nature Walk at O'Leary Volcano, Friday, August 19**

10-11:30am. **Lower O'Leary Hike.** Join in a beautiful ramble up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak. The walk is easy, level walking, and approximately 2 miles round trip. Meet at the O'Leary trailhead. Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff, turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. and drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.

### **• Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, August 19**

8-8:45 pm. **Hummingbirds of Arizona.** Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a broad-tailed hummingbird. Meet volunteer Ranger Rick Ruess at the campground amphitheater.

## **Saturday, August 20th**

### **• Wildlife Watching at the North Mormon Lake Overlook, Saturday, August 20**

3-4 pm. The marsh filled basin of Mormon Lake attracts herds of elk grazing and cooling off on hot summer days. Cliffs below the overlook create updrafts for soaring raptors. Join Ranger Zack Zdinak - and his spotting scope - to look for these animals and what makes this area great wildlife habitat.

### **• Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, August 20**

3-3:45pm. A fun 45-minute (1/3 mile stroll) family **nature walk** along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail with Ranger Richard McGaugh. No dogs please. Meet at the Amphitheater.

### **• Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, August 20**

8-8:45pm. **"HOO-HOO Goes There?"** Many of our local wildlife are more active between sunset and sunrise, and they can be noisy. Tonight we will explore the sounds of the forest. You will learn who makes those weird, spooky noises that you may hear around the campground and elsewhere on the Colorado Plateau. Join Ranger Zack Zdinak for an introduction to your nightly forest neighbors.

### **• Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Saturday, August 20**

8-9pm. **The Wonders of Our Galaxy.** Come take a look at the wonders of our galaxy you can see in the night sky. Bring your eagle eyes or binoculars if you have them. This talk is about 45 minutes and will teach you how to look for and find the wonders of our universe! Meet volunteer ranger and astronomer Pat Benson at the campground amphitheater.

## **Sunday, August 21st**

### **• Guided Nature Walk at Kelly Canyon, Sunday, August 21**

9am-12noon. **Kelly Canyon Hike.** Volunteer rangers Wade and Ruess lead this idyllic walk through a deep-forested canyon with spring-fed pools and tall trees. Go south on 89A past Forest Highlands; turn left on FR 237 after MP 392. Drive 1.5 miles to Pumphouse Wash crossing. Bring poles, water, good shoes. Moderate 4.0 miles. Call 928-637-5175 for more information.

## **Monday, August 22nd**

### **• Guided Nature Walk at the Lomaki Pueblo, Monday, August 22**

10-11am. **Ancient Peoples.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444.

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## **August 24 - 29, 2016**

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### Wednesday, August 24

#### • **Guided Hike at Pumphouse Wash: Hidden Gem, Wednesday, August 24**

8:30-11am. **Pumphouse Wash.** Join USFS rangers Steve and Lois Hirst to explore the continuation of Griffith Spring's flow as it accumulates downstream. Go 10 miles south on I-17, take the Kachina Village exit. Turn right onto Kachina Blvd. until it tees into

Kachina Trail. Turn right. Follow Kachina Trail to the first left onto Ancient Trail. Follow Ancient Trail one mile to the water facility. Just past it is a gravel parking area where we'll meet. Difficulty: Moderate with one steep climb.

### Thursday, August 25

#### • **Guided Nature Walk at Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, Thursday, August 25**

10-11:30am. **Volcanology Discoveries.** Join rangers Jeff, Donna, and Robert on a beautiful exploration of Sunset Crater Volcano's lava flow. This is a great opportunity to learn and experience new geologic wonders that can't be seen from designated park trails. The walk is moderate, and approximately 2 miles round trip. Terrain has some elevation change and substrate is deep cinders. Limited space

available. Reservations required; please call: 928-526-0502. Park entrance fee applies.

### Friday, August 26

#### • **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, August 26**

7:30-8:15pm. **Volcanoes of North America.** Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! Program conducted by volunteer park ranger Eric Zeliff.

### Saturday, August 27

#### • **Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, August 27**

3-3:45 pm. A fun 45-minute (1/3 mile stroll) family **nature walk** along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail with volunteer rangers Steve and Nancy Galas. No dogs please. Meet at the Amphitheater.

#### • **Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, August 27**

7:30-8:15pm. **All About Abert's.** The handsome tassel-eared Abert's Squirrel can be found in the forest of Northern Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. He's an expert climber and jumper who has a very special relationship with the Ponderosa Pine. Discover this relationship and their impact on the forest. Meet volunteer rangers Steve and Nancy Galas at the campground amphitheater.

### Sunday, August 28

#### • **Guided Hike at Lockett Meadow up the Inner Basin Trail, Sunday, August 28**

**9am-12pm. Inner Basin Trail Explorations.** Explore the trail with Steve and Nancy Galas, USFS rangers, winding two miles up through old-growth forest to the 9,000' Waterline Road. Learn about mixed conifer forests, volcanoes, and Basque aspen carvings. This is a moderate to strenuous hike (4 mile loop). Meet at 9am at the Inner Basin trailhead, in Lockett Meadow. Take Hwy 89 north to FS road 420 across from Sunset Crater Volcano N.M. turnoff. Turn left. Drive about a half mile, turn right on FS road 552. Follow sign to Lockett Meadow. Please use caution on this narrow road. Bring water, lunch, & wear sturdy shoes.

### Monday, August 29

#### • **Guided Nature Walk at the Lomaki Pueblo, Monday, August 29**

10-11am. **Ancient Peoples.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444. Park entrance fees apply.

# Event Directions and Details

Program Location	Directions	Description	What to Bring
Arizona Snowbowl Skyride Summit Ranger Talks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lift cost \$19/person age 13-64, \$10/person age 6-12 &amp; 65-up, and free age 5 and under.</li> <li>Ranger talks are always free.</li> <li>Visitors should be comfortable with heights.</li> <li>High elevation: 11,500 feet.</li> <li>Weather changes happen rapidly; be prepared!</li> <li>Great views &amp; kid friendly.</li> <li>Open every day Memorial Day weekend through mid-October.</li> <li>Roving Ranger Talks are Every Friday, Saturday, &amp; Sunday, Memorial Day through mid-October.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water &amp; snacks.</li> <li>Walking shoes.</li> <li>Camera.</li> </ul>
Aspen Loop Trail	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 1 mile round trip.</li> <li>Great opportunity to see aspen trees and mixed conifers. <b>Located</b> north of Flagstaff. Drive north 7 miles on US 180, then seven up Snowbowl Road.</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water &amp; snacks.</li> <li>Walking shoes.</li> <li>Camera.</li> </ul>
Bismark Lake/Little Springs Guided Walk	Go N. 22 miles on Hwy 180. Turn right onto the second FR 151 intersection just beyond MP 235. Go 1.6 mi to fork and continue on FR 151 (right fork) another 0.8 mi to small meadow and park at junction with FR 418B.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hike to the AZ Trail into mountain meadows with spectacular views of the San Fran Peaks. Then loop down to Little Spring, where C. Hart Merriam set up camp for his study of climate zones.</li> <li>Difficulty: moderate ascent to 8800 ft.'</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>Sun protection.</li> <li>Water.</li> <li>Snacks/lunch</li> <li>Trekking poles.</li> <li>Hiking shoes.</li> </ul>
Bonito Campground Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program conducted by a Roving Rangers usually every Friday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.</li> <li>See above flyer for the topic of discussion.</li> <li>45 minutes in length.</li> <li>Seating provided.</li> <li>Wheelchair accessible.</li> <li>Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures .</li> <li>Flashlight.</li> </ul>

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Bonito Meadow Guided Walks	Headed North on H-89 make a right-hand turn on Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument access road. Drive 0.8-miles off Hwy 89 and meet at gravel parking lot, on the right side of road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come discover the beauty of the Bonito Meadow.</li> <li>• Hike is an easy 2.2-mile, off-trail ramble.</li> <li>• Off-trail, uneven, brushy terrain.</li> <li>• 360° vistas!</li> <li>• Approximately 1.5 hours.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks.</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Dairy Springs Guided Walks & Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy Springs Loop is approximately 1/3 of a mile round trip.</li> <li>• 45 minutes in length.</li> <li>• This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs.</li> <li>• Easy, kid friendly walk.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Lower O'Leary Volcano Guided Walk	Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff; turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. (FS Rd. 545). Drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Group Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lower section of the O'Leary Volcano hike is a beautiful walk up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak.</li> <li>• The walk is easy, level walking, and is approximately 2 miles round trip.</li> <li>• Great opportunity to learn and experience the geologic wonders, plants, and birds of the area</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Mormon Lake Riding the Rails Guided Walk.	Go 20 miles south on Lake Mary Road and turn right on FR 90 (Mormon Lake Road). Go 2 miles and Forest Service Road 132.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join rangers, on the 1887 Arizona Mineral Belt RR grade from its summit to Mormon Lake.</li> <li>• Lots of railroad history and stories.</li> <li>• See the Mormon Lake loop road in a new way.</li> <li>• Difficulty: moderate.</li> <li>• Approximately 3 hours.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Pine Grove Campground Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program conducted by a Roving Ranger usually every Saturday Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.</li> <li>• See above flyer for the topic of discussion.</li> <li>• 45 minutes in length.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures.</li> <li>• Flashlight.</li> </ul>

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Rio de Flag/Hidden Hollow Guided Walk.	Drive North on H-180 from Flagstaff. Drive approx. 1/2-mile northwest of the Peak View Market & Shell station in Cheshire. Meet at the Hidden Hollow Rd turnoff from Hwy 180.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An easy, 2-mile walk in sun &amp; shade along the Rio de Flag and on the 1857 Beale Wagon Road.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument Programs & Guided Walks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience the Sunset Crater Volcano.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> <li>• Food/Snacks</li> </ul>
Walker Lake Guided Walk	Meet at the intersection of FR 151 and Hwy 180, just past MP 235.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walker Lake Hike: Is a great hike to the rim of a volcano with a lake in its crater.</li> <li>• Spectacular views of the Peaks, the Painted Desert, and the distant Grand Canyon.</li> <li>• Difficulty: moderate.</li> <li>• No dogs, please.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Snacks.</li> <li>• Trekking poles.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Walnut Canyon Guided Walks & Programs	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come discover the beauty of Walnut Canyon National Monument.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>
Wupatki National Monument Programs and Guided Walks	<a href="#">Directions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience the pueblo structures first hand.</li> <li>• Kid friendly.</li> <li>• Park entrance fees apply.</li> <li>• Open to all.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing appropriate for weather.</li> <li>• Sun protection.</li> <li>• Water.</li> <li>• Hiking shoes.</li> <li>• Camera.</li> </ul>



# Roving Rangers History

**The Roving Rangers** is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24<sup>th</sup> season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

## Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

## The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.